

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Hamilton,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1882.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY,
1882.

Mrs. George H. Sprague
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REPORT.

The School Committee having the supervision of the schools for the year ending March, 1882, present the following Report:—

The amount appropriated by the Town for the support of schools at the annual meeting in March, 1881, was...	\$ 800 00
Amount received from the Mass. School Fund.	211 70
Dog licenses	79 06
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Amount to be expended	\$1,090 76
Paid teachers of Summer schools	\$520 00
Paid teachers of Winter schools	432 00
Paid for building fires	22 00
Allowed for fuel	70 50
Allowed Town of Ipswich for tuition of scholars at Willowdale	15 00
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Amount expended	\$1,059 50
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Amount unexpended	\$ 31 26

NORTH SCHOOL.

Summer term—Teacher, MISS JENNIE A. BROWN.

Length of term in months	5
Wages of teacher per month	\$26
Whole number of pupils	19
Average attendance	12
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	3
Number over fifteen years of age	1
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	15

Present every day—Ruth A. Andrews, Nellie F. Andrews.

Winter Term—Teacher, MISS NELLIE A. KNOWLTON.

Length of term in months	3
Wages of teacher per month	\$36
Whole number of pupils	28
Average attendance	21
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	0
Number over fifteen years of age	4
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	24

Present on time every day—Frank Dane, Ruth A. Andrews, Nettie F. Andrews, Charlie Andrews, Mary Fillebrown, Martha Whipple, and Ella F. Appleton.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, MISS SOPHIA F. LOVERING.

Length of term in months	5
Wages of teacher per month	\$26
Whole number of pupils	28
Average attendance	21
Number of pupils under five years of age	0
Number over 15 years of age	1
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	24

Present every day—Mamie F. Appleton, Mary F. Lovering, S. Hilda Haraden, I. Andy Haraden.

Winter Term—Teacher, MISS SOPHIA F. LOVERING.

Length of term in months	3
Wages of teacher per month	\$36
Whole number of pupils	22
Average attendance	17
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	0
Number over 15 years of age	1
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	15

Present every day—0

EAST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, MISS LAURA S. WOODBURY.

Length of term in months	5
Wages of teacher per month	\$26
Whole number of pupils	23
Average attendance	20
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	1
Number over 15 years of age	0
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	15

Present every day—Fannie P. Knowlton, Willie J. Channel.

Winter Term—Teacher, MISS LAURA S. WOODBURY.

Length of term in months	3
Wages of teacher per month	\$36
Whole number of pupils	25
Average attendance	21
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	0
Number over 15 years of age	1
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	20

Present every day—Fannie P. Knowlton, Wilmont Butler, Carrie E. Day, Frank B. Kinsman, Bertha M. Whipple, Clarence S. Knowlton, Lottie Trask.

WEST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, MISS ADDIE DODGE.

Length of term in months	5
Wages of teacher per month	\$26
Whole number of pupils	29
Average attendance	22
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	3
Number over 15 years of age	0
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	10

Winter Term—Teacher, MISS ADDIE DODGE.

Length of term in months	3
Wages of teacher per month	\$36
Whole number of pupils	24
Average attendance	17
Number of pupils under 5 years of age	2
Number over 15 years of age	0
Number between 8 and 14 years of age	12

For the past three years, the sum of \$800 has been appropriated each year, for the support of the schools, \$200 less than the usual amount, by employing female teachers, summer and winter; this sum has been sufficient to give the same number of months of schooling.

The schools have been prosperous, and are, perhaps, to-day in better condition than they would have been if the former system had been continued.

Teachers residing in town have been employed, and they have felt a special interest in the welfare of their respective schools, and as far as the Committee have been able to learn, the parents and children have been well pleased with their teachers, and good progress has been made in all of the schools, good discipline has been maintained, and the attendance has been as good as circumstances would permit.

The Committee realize that they have been fortunate in the selection of teachers, obtaining those well qualified for the work assigned them, familiar with the approved methods of imparting instruction to the young, and whose daily example the children could safely follow.

The work of the public schools is to train up those who are now boys and girls, to be men and women, that will be an honor to the town and State in which they live.

Without an education, a man cannot expect, at the present day, to succeed in business, or take that position in life that he might otherwise be entitled to fill.

Many who know but little of the anxiety, perplexity, and care of a faithful teacher, seem to think that it must be a delightful occupation. The six hours a day in the schoolroom, ~~are~~^{is} not all the time that the teacher devotes to the school, but it is a constant demand on the mind of the teacher to devise ways and means to keep up a lively interest on the part of her scholars, and some seem to expect the teacher to furnish capacity for the stupid, and enthusiasm and ambition for all, and give satisfaction to every child and parent, and the public generally.

But slight changes have been made in the text books used in the schools. The Geographies that have been in use for several years, have been exchanged for the latest and best, and permanent arrangements made with the publishers, so that expense will be less than heretofore.

Of late, but a small amount of money has been expended on the school buildings, and some of them need repairing, and two of them need a coat of paint.

The children should have an attractive place in which they pass so many hours, and the buildings inwardly and outwardly should be as tidy and cheerful as possible.

If a few shade trees could be set in the several school-yards, it would add much to the comfort, and also to the cheerful aspect of the playgrounds.

The schools, in the opinion of the Committee, have made very marked progress in many respects, and, at the present time, are in a very promising condition.

With these brief remarks, the Committee respectfully submit this report to the town.

OTIS F. BROWN,	} School Committee.
JOSEPH P. LOVERING,	
DR. S. E. THAYER,	

Hamilton, March, 1882.

